

REMARKS

I. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS AND THE SPECIFICATION

Prior to entry of this Amendment, claims 1-19 were pending in the application. With this response, claims 1-8 and 15-19 have been canceled, claims 9-14 have been amended, and new claims 20-40 have been added. Applicant retains the right to pursue the subject matter of the canceled claims in one or more related patent applications. New claims 20-38 are fully supported throughout the specification and in the original claims. In addition, Applicant has amended the specification. Specifically, Applicant has corrected typographical errors and has made amendments to improve the clarity of the specification. On pages 67 and 68 of the specification, Applicant has deleted reference to citations that were not provided in the original application as filed. In addition, Applicant has provided a new abstract that complies with the 150 word limit requirement set forth in the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure. Applicant has deleted pages 72-75 of the original specification, which included a Table of Contents that will have no meaning in the published application as well as three citations that were improperly placed at the end of the specification. Finally, Applicant has amended the specification to move the three references appearing on deleted page 75 of the specification to an appropriate location in the specification. No new matter has been added by way of these amendments to the claims or to the specification.

Upon entry of the above made amendment, claims 9-14 and 20-40 will be pending.

II. RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The Examiner has required a restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1-14, drawn to a circuit arrangement.
- II. Claims 15-19, drawn to circuit signaling.

The Examiner contends that the inventions are distinct, each from the other.

Applicant disagrees with the Examiner's contention that the inventions are distinct. However, in order to be fully responsive, Applicant hereby elects the invention of Group I (pending claims 9-14 and new claims 20-40), with traversal. Applicant believes that

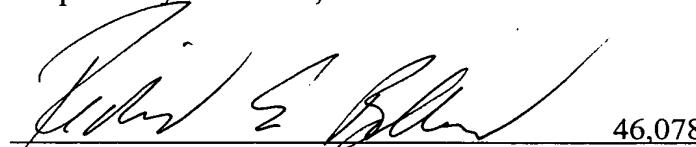
claims 9-14 and new claims 20-40 can be searched without undue burden on the patent office and respectfully request that these pending claims be considered without an additional restriction requirement. If the Examiner is unwilling to comply with Applicant's request, Applicant respectfully request that the Examiner call attorneys for Applicant so that agreement can be reached on this point expeditiously.

III. CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests that the amendments and remarks made herein be entered and made of record in the file history of the instant application. It is believed that the subject application is in good and proper order for allowance. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is encouraged to call Rick Ballard at (650) 739-3945.

It is believed that no fee is due in connection with the filing of this response other than the extension of time and fees for additional claims. However, should the Commissioner determine otherwise, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 503013, referencing Docket No. 510974-600004, for the appropriate amount.

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